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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 27 June 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 11-27 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 11-27 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Request for Continued Examination

1. The request filed on June 27, 2005 for a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 based on parent Application No. 10/642,999 is acceptable and an RCE has been established. An action on the RCE follows.

Claim Objections

2. Claim 24 is objected to because of the following informalities: proper punctuation is missing from the end of the sentence ("pages" should be "pages.>").
Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. Claims 21 and 27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Dolci et al. ('508).

Dolci et al. disclose a book comprising a plurality of book sections bound together, each of the plurality of book sections being adjacent to another of the plurality of book sections and having a shape unique to that book section so that the plurality of book sections forms subject in relief (as seen in figure 5); a first plurality of pages (2)

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having a first page type and at least one page of the first plurality of pages being disposed in each of the plurality of book sections (Dolci et al. disclose the pages being made of paperboard, thin card, plastic, wood or other similar material - see column 1, lines 12-18) and a second plurality of pages (2) having a second page type and at least one page of the second plurality of pages being disposed in each of the plurality of book sections (Dolci et al. disclose the pages being made of paperboard, thin card, plastic, wood or other similar material - see column 1, lines 12-18); wherein when the book is closed figures are reproduced in positions such as to form an index of the subject which is formed in relief by the plurality of book sections (as seen in figure 5).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

5. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

6. Claims 11-20 and 22-26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Dolci et al. ('508) in view of Wolski (4,819,963).

Dolci et al. disclose a book comprising a plurality of book sections bound together, each of the plurality of book sections being adjacent to another of the plurality of book sections and having a shape unique to that book section so that the plurality of book sections forms subject in relief (as seen in figure 5); a first plurality of pages (2) having a first page type and at least one page of the first plurality of pages being

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disposed in each of the plurality of book sections (Dolci et al. disclose the pages being made of paperboard, thin card, plastic, wood or other similar material - see column 1, lines 12-18) and a second plurality of pages (2) having a second page type and at least one page of the second plurality of pages being disposed in each of the plurality of book sections (Dolci et al. disclose the pages being made of paperboard, thin card, plastic, wood or other similar material - see column 1, lines 12-18).

Dolci et al. disclose the claimed invention except for explicitly disclosing the first plurality of pages having a thickness greater than the second plurality of pages.

Wolski discloses a book structure comprising a three-dimensional structure in the form of a toy fish (2), where the sculpture is divided into first (4) and second (6) halves and including a plurality of bound sheets (8) therebetween. Wolski discloses that the sculpture may be formed of materials "which are resistant to breakage, water, dirt and grease, and which will even be capable of being cleaned and/or immersed in water. Therefore some materials of choice for such sculptures will include plastic or wood. Another useful material, which has benefit of being inexpensive and easily produced is paper mache' including a plaster-of-paris base. Of course, any other suitable material can be used to form the sculpture." Wolski further discloses the pages being composed of any substantially flat printable material, including, for example paper, from ordinary weight to heavy cardboard, and even wood, in some embodiments of the device. Also, water resistant plastic materials and plastic impregnated cloth materials may be used to form the sheets or pages" (see col. 5, lines 19-54).

Wolski teaches that it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to provide any desired material for the pages as deemed necessary by the end user. Furthermore, it has been held to be within the general skill of a worker in the art to select a known material on the basis of its suitability for the intended use as a matter of design choice. *In re Leshin*, 125 USPQ 416.

As seen in figure 4, the thickness of the first and second halves of the sculpture formed of a desired material is greater than the thickness of the pages located between the first and second halves of the sculpture and formed of a desired material. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify the first and second pages of Dolci et al. to include different thickness, as taught by Wolski, to provide a book that is relatively light weight yet durable enough for use by children as toys.

Regarding claims 12 and 14, Dolci et al., as modified by Wolski, disclose the pages of the book and the book cover being made of paperboard, thin card, plastic, wood, paper or other similar material (see column 1, lines 12-18 of Dolci et al. and col. 5, lines 19-54 of Wolski).

Regarding claim 15, Dolci et al., as modified by Wolski, disclose a first one of the plurality of book sections (2) being more proximal to the front cover (7) and a second one of the plurality of the book sections (2) being more distal from the front cover (as seen in figure 5 of Dolci et al.).

Regarding claim 16, a planar profile of the first one of the plurality of book sections (2 – closest to front cover 7) does not protrude beyond a planar profile of the

second one of the plurality of book sections (2 – adjacent to the aforementioned book section) (as seen in figure 5 of Dolci et al.).

Regarding claims 17 and 18, Dolci et al., as modified by Wolski, disclose each of the shapes of the book sections comprise a first substantially straight edge portion for binding the book sections together (the straight edge portion being along the binding region 3 of Dolci et al.); wherein each of the shapes of the book sections is formed so that the book remains in equilibrium on a flat surface (second straight edge) which is substantially perpendicular to the first edge portion (as seen in figure 6 of Dolci et al.).

Regarding claim 19, Dolci et al., as modified by Wolski, disclose a first page of one of the plurality of pages comprises the front cover (7) and a last page of one of the plurality of pages comprises the rear cover (8) (as seen in figure 5 of Dolci et al.).

Regarding claim 20, Dolci et al., as modified by Wolski, disclose that when the book is closed, figures are reproduced in positions such as to form an image of the subject which is formed in relief by the plurality of book sections (as seen in figure 5).

Regarding claims 22 and 24, Dolci et al., as modified by Wolski, disclose each plurality of book sections comprising one page of the first plurality of pages and at least two pages of the second plurality of pages. As seen in figure 4 of Wolski, the thickness of the first and second halves of the sculpture formed of a desired material is greater than the thickness of the pages located between the first and second halves of the sculpture and formed of a desired material. The first and second halves of the sculpture of Wolski correspond to the front and back covers of the different sections of the book of Dolci et al. The enclosed pages of Wolski correspond to the enclosed pages of Dolci et

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al. The book of Dolci et al., as modified by Wolski, would, therefore, include two pages (front and back covers) of the first plurality of pages and at least two (enclosed pages) of the second plurality of pages.

Regarding claims 23, 25 and 26, Dolci et al., as modified by Wolski, disclose the pages of the book and the book cover being made of paperboard, thin card, plastic, wood, paper or other similar material (see column 1, lines 12-18 of Dolci et al. and col. 5, lines 19-54 of Wolski).

Response to Arguments

7. Applicant's arguments filed June 27, 2005 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Upon clarification from applicant via samples submitted May 16, 2005 and a telephone interview on July 14, 2005, the previously set forth rejections of Claims 11-21 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph have been withdrawn.

Applicant argues that Dolci et al. fail to disclose the first and second pages of the book having different thicknesses. While Dolci et al. does not explicitly disclose providing the first and second pages of the book with different thickness, Wolski does provide such a teaching as set forth in the above rejections.

For the reasons as set forth above, the rejections are maintained.


Conclusion

8. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. The cited references disclose books having various shapes.
9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Monica S. Carter whose telephone number is (571) 272-4475. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday (6:00 AM - 3:30 PM).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Boyer Ashley can be reached on (571) 272-4502. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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